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REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 10-13, and 25-30 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine

of obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 1-16 of co-pending application

Serial No. 10/615,074 (the '074 application). As evidenced by the courtesy copy

attached hereto, the '074 application stands abandoned as a result of a letter of Express

Abandonment, filed simultaneously herewith. The abandonment of the '074 application

moots the obviousness-type double patenting rejection in this application. Withdrawal of

the rejection and allowance of the application therefore are believed to be in order and is

respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be payable with this communication. Nevertheless, should

the Examiner consider any fees to be payable in conjunction with this or any future

communication, the Director is authorized to direct payment of such fees, or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it would help

expedite matters.

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